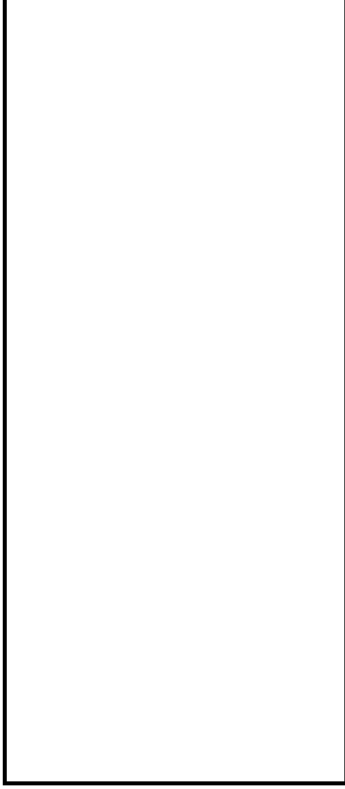




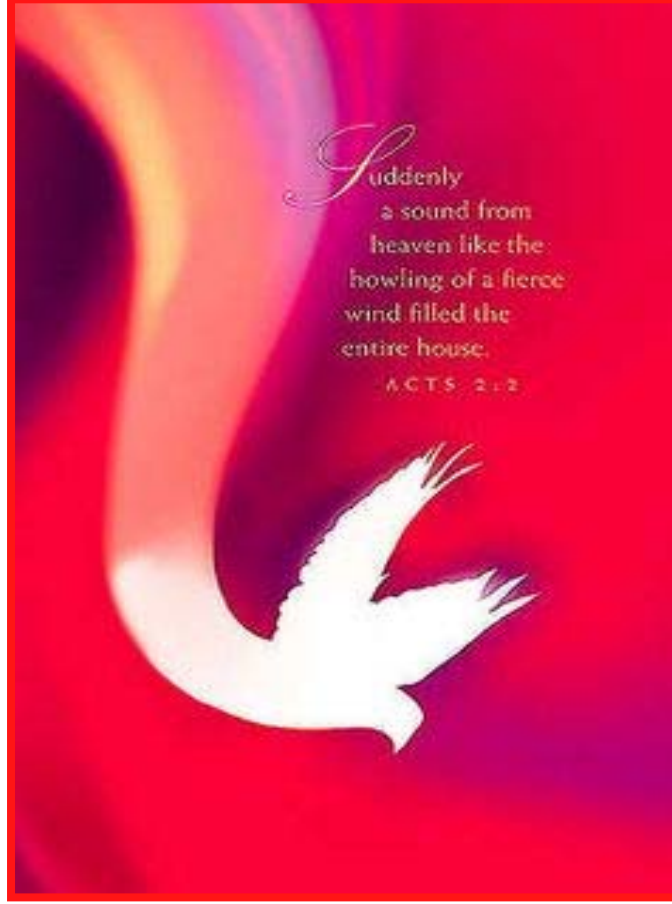
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THE CHIMES



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MESSAGE FROM REV. G. CARL MOORE

They ^amake night into day: 'The light,' they say, 'is near to the darkness.'

(Job 17:12 ESV)

Darkness comes in many figurative forms. One symbol of darkness in Scripture is that of suffering, or sickness of the soul and/or body. In the Old Testament Scriptures, Job is an exemplar of such suffering. Job describes his suffering in terms of the darkness of night. Amidst his suffering, Job prays to God for relief, hoping that God will soon dispel his misery with a cheer of liberation, cheer in terms of hope, hope symbolized by the light of day.

Another prominent symbol of darkness in Scripture is spiritual blindness. Scripture tells us that both the world is in darkness and that all people in the world (that is unconverted, unregenerate people), are blinded by the spiritual darkness of night, a night ruled by "the god of this world," the Prince of Darkness. Paul says:

And even ^aif our gospel is veiled, ^bit is veiled only to ^cthose who are perishing. ⁴ In their case ^athe god of this world ^xhas blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing ^ethe light of ^bthe gospel of the glory of Christ, ^cwho is the image of God (2Co 4:3-4 ESV).



Birthdays

- 3 Cathy Thoburn
- 4 Audrey Kerr
- 4 Barbara Wrkich
- 5 Abigail Kinney
- 6 Toni Zajdowicz
- 7 Tom Brown
- 8 Fred Huff
- 8 Etta Pyle
- 9 Felecia Elliott
- 10 Paul Visyak
- 11 Kim Criss
- 14 Ella Jane Burns
- 18 Brian Gambos
- 19 Murison Raegan
- 19 Kylee Paris
- 25 Brandon Pendleton
- 27 John Criss
- 27 Andrew Stewart
- 28 Ava Aftanas
- 29 Charlene Freshwater
- 29 Dolores Visyak
- 30 Mary Alkaed

Anniversaries

- 2 Bob & Cindy
- Sagrilla
- 13 Dale & Eleanor Hewitt
- 15 Jeff & Cindy Wilson
- 27 Shannon & Jennifer Starr
- 29 Joseph & Debbie Grecco



Birthdays

- 1 Richard Wyman
- 8 Helen Unsold
- 9 Suzie Rousey
- 12 Howard Peterson, Jr.
- 15 Vincent Gambos
- 15 Rhonda Moore
- 15 Janet Stukins
- 16 Andrew Kinney
- 22 D. Wayne Hackathorne
- 24 Robert Daily
- 24 Eric Timmons
- 27 Philip Makari

Anniversaries

- 5 Donna & Fred Huff, Sr.
- 6 Jeff & Kim Criss
- 9 Cynthia & Mark Bordash
- 11 George & Marge Allan
- 11 Frank & Judy Merryman
- 14 Tom & Tyra Timmons
- 16 Michael & Kylee Paris
- 17 Paul & Dolores Visyak
- 19 Michael & Margaret Saunders
- 21 William and Christy Paul
- 28 Pat & Leanne Pendleton

But what about the Church, the visible gathering of God's people in history? Can the Church experience spiritual darkness? The Old Testament Church (the Church of Israel) surely did. A cursory study of the history of Israel is replete with copious examples of spiritual darkness. Case in point is the Nation of Judah during the reign of King Josiah (Southern Israel comprised of the two tribes of Benjamin and Judah). Josiah was a godly King during a time of spiritual darkness.

The reason for the spiritual darkness was because the light of God's Word had been lost, quite literally. We read: "And Hilkiah the high priest said to Shaphan the secretary, "I have found ^athe Book of the Law in the house of the LORD." And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it" (2Ki 22:8 ESV). The Bible (Hebrew Bible) had been missing along with a thorough knowledge of its contents. Hilkiah, the Hight Priest, was cleaning the treasure room in the Temple, and he found their missing bible, the "Book of the Law." Hilkiah informed Josiah the King that the Word of God had been found; the King immediately enacted reform. Josiah's "Reformation" ushered in a spiritual awakening, an awakening from pagan darkness to the light of God's Word to guide the people of God away from darkness and into the light.

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Something very similar happened in the Church almost 500 years ago. For nearly a thousand years or more both the unadulterated Word of God and the gospel had been eclipsed by spiritual darkness: the spiritual darkness of man-made tradition vs. the Scripture, the spiritual darkness of man earning his way to heaven by mixing good works with faith vs. the gospel way of man not earning, but receiving salvation as a gift by grace alone, through faith alone, in Jesus' work of earning salvation for us as our one-and-only Mediator between man and God. For over a thousand years there was spiritual darkness, darkness that gave way to light. Protestant historians all agree that the date for when this happened was on October 31, 1517. This was when an obscure German, Augustinian monk, Martin Luther, nailed his 95 Thesis on the doors of All Saint's church in Wittenberg; this event was the beginning of a reformation in the church, a reformation that still goes on today. The motto which the first and second generation of Reformers used to capture the spirit of the 16th-century Reformation was *Post tenebras lux* (After the Darkness Light), inspired by the Vulgate (Latin Bible) translation of Job 17:12.

Two things I want to bring to your attention. First, at our last session meeting, session approved to celebrate this special occasion on Reformation Sunday. So, on October 29, 2017, during worship, Starkdale will commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation with something special. Second, over the summer leading up to Reformation Sunday, I will be sharing with you the light that came out of the darkness known as the Five-Solas. The Five-Solas are five Latin phrases (or slogans) that emerged from the Protestant Reformation intended to summarize the Reformers' basic theological principles in contrast to certain teachings of the Medieval Church of Rome during that time.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The Outreach Committee would like to thank you for your charitable donations in support of the Pinwheel of Hope Tree campaign during Child Abuse Prevention Month. An abundance of items was donated and will aid The Friendship Warming Room in their ministry. Your overwhelming response of generosity is much appreciated!

SOUP KITCHEN

The June soup kitchen was hosted by Starkdale on May 11th. A delicious lunch of sliced ham, cheese potatoes, and Italian bread was provided for 50 people. Servers were: Ella Jane Burns, Jo Copeland, Rev. Carl Moore, Carol Oklok, and Stu Stukins.

CANCER DIETARY INITIATIVE CANNED SOUP

DRIVE: The Outreach Committee is conducting a canned soup food drive during the month of June to benefit the Cancer Dietary Initiative which provides nutritious food for cancer patients in our community. If you would like to participate, please place canned soup donations in the chest located in the narthex. For more information about the Cancer Dietary Initiative and its ministry, please pick up a brochure in the narthex. Thank you for your help!

Thank you!

Dear Starkdale Congregation,

On behalf of the Ohio Valley Health Center Board of Directors, it is my pleasure to thank Starkdale Presbyterian Church for your generous sponsorship of our 2017 Gala. As you know, this annual event is our largest fundraiser of the year and raises approximately one-third of our operating expenses to provide high-quality health care to the uninsured and under-insured of the Ohio Valley. Without your help, our Mission would be unattainable.

Kind Regards,
Trudy Wilson

Dear Friends at Starkdale,

Thank you for your generous gift of support for our ministries! We received just after we asked for prayer for a big financial need! It seems that your gift was mailed **BEFORE** we let our supporters know, so that made it extra exciting! Thank you for lifting our spirits! We hope you are all doing well. We will continue to email our monthly updates. Thanks for your support.

Robert and Terri Harmon
New Tribes Missions

Dear Starkdale Dart Baseball Team,

Thank you very much for your generous donation made to Abigail's Angels to continue to help fund research for gene therapy for Abigail and others.

God Bless,
The Kinney Family

Starkdale Presbyterian Church,

The Community Foundation for the Ohio Valley would like to thank you for helping us raise critical resources for our local nonprofit organizations in a single day. This event truly celebrates the spirit of giving and the collective effort it takes to strengthen our committees.

Sola is Latin meaning “alone” or “only.” The phrases are:

- Sola Scriptura, by Scripture alone.
- Sola Fide, through faith alone.
- Sola Gratia, by grace alone.
- Solus Christus, through Christ alone
- Soli Deo Gloria, to the glory of God alone.

Praise God for the hope of both the light of His Word and the liberating truth of His gospel!!

In Christ

Pastor *Carl*



“In wan- ing

years of the seventeenth century, a Dutch artist named Carel Allard produced a copper engraving depicting sixteen forerunners and leaders of the Protestant Reformation gathered around a large table. The Reformers Martin Luther and John Calvin command the center of the scene, with Bibles set before them; they are surrounded by a company of other illustrious churchmen, all of whom are illuminated by a candle set in the center of the table that shines for the light of the Christian gospel. In the foreground, with their backs to the viewer are crouching, a Roman Catholic cardinal, a demon, a pope, and a monk, who strain unsuccessfully to extinguish the light of the candle.”

Manetasch, Scott M., *The Legacy of Luther*, Edited by: R.C. Sproul and Stephen J. Nichols, Ch. 11: The Man in the Middle: Luther Among the Reformers p:213. Reformation Trust, A Division of Ligonier Ministries, Orlando, Florida, 2016.

DART BASEBALL

The ecumenical group that plays dart baseball on Tuesday nights, has had another wonderful season of fun and Christian fellowship.

We have a mission basket and anyone wishing to make a donation may do so. Through the generosity of the dart ball players, we have given over \$700 to local charities during the 2016-2017 season. We also donated dog food, cat food, treats, towels, and blankets to the Jefferson County animal shelter.

Our season ended on May 23rd, and with the observance of memorial day on the 29th, we think of those we have lost over the years. We are saddened by the loss of our loved ones, but take comfort knowing they are with our Lord. The total number is 15, and their names are: Ed, Rall, Emma, Bea, Hugh, Hank, Dorothy, Cliff, Conrad, Brian, Mary, John, Ingrid, Mary Jane and Mary Lou. You are all missed and will always be in our Ring of Honor.

All are invited to join us on Tuesdays at 6:00 P.M., September through May. We open with a prayer followed with good food then its "PLAY BALL!"

As always, there has been no increase in the price of a ticket. The ticket is free - the experience is priceless!



*God Bless,
Dart Baseball Family of Friends*

The Bulletin Board

CHURCH WORSHIP SERVICE AND PICNIC

Mark your calendars for August 27th. Our annual picnic will be at the Serbian Picnic grounds. The service begins promptly at 11:00 A.M. More information will be provided in the bulletin and the August Chimes. Please plan to join us for a wonderful time.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE SPRING CLEANING will be held during the week of June 12-17, we will have a week of cleaning outside the church building. This will permit an individual or group to volunteer by choosing a day and time during the week that is convenient to complete a project. A sign-up sheet, with various projects listed, will be available in the narthex.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH is held each Sunday morning during the 11:00 A.M. Worship Service. The leader each week is Kelly Dopp. Children ages kindergarten through 5th grade will be dismissed to the chapel after the Lord's prayer. This special time of worship includes: prayer, lighting of candles, singing, and hearing the pastor's message with words that the children will understand.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES - JULY 9 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 3 - 9:45 A.M. The Christian Education Committee is offering a new class for the summer weeks, combining the Reformed Theology class, the New Members class, as well as the High School class. Please come and join us as we study the *Basics of Christian Doctrine* with Rev. Carl Moore. The Bible Class from Scratch will continue to meet in the Library with Sandy Conrad at 9:45 a.m. Summer Sunday School K-5th Grade will continue to meet with special activities and a light breakfast at 9:30 a.m.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

CHURCH TRIP TO NOAH'S ARK AND THE CREATION MUSEUM SEPTEMBER 7-8

Day 1: Travel to Petersburg, KY to visit the 70,000-square foot **Creation Museum**, which brings the pages of the Bible to life. Be amazed as you view its characters and animals in their dynamic form and placed in their familiar settings. State-of-the-art exhibits, life-size dinosaur animatronics, a petting zoo, beautiful outdoor gardens, and much more make this a must-see attraction!

Day 2: Visit the NEW life-size replica of the Biblical Noah's Ark: Ark Encounter. It's a one-of-a-kind historically themed attraction. In an entertaining, educational, and immersive way, it presents a number of historical events centered on a full-size, all wood Ark. **For detailed information, please pick-up a flyer in the narthex or side hallway, and please use the sign-up sheets if you plan to attend.**



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
CHILDREN PRE-K THROUGH 6TH GRADE**

JUNE 5th - 9th - 9:00 - 12:00 P.M.

Registrations begins at 8:30 A.M.

Please join us for an exciting week at Mighty Fortress. We will spend the week visiting castles, enjoying great lunches, outdoor games, Bible study and fun crafts. Because the victory is won, every day is a day to celebrate! At Mighty Fortress, kids will look into the Bible, God's Holy Word, to discover that God is our Mighty Fortress, our Shield, and our Deliverer and discover God's victory in the five Bible accounts.

Kelly Dopp, VBS Director

Janice Whitaker, Christian Education Chair

DART BASEBALL



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY LEROY BAKER
92 YEARS YOUNG
KEEP THOSE DARTS FLYING!!**



A LOOK BACK !



Dear Starkdale Presbyterian Church,

Thank you for participating in our spring 40 Days for Life and for helping us to fill our prayer vigil at Planned Parenthood! It is so encouraging to me to see how the Body of Christ in Pittsburgh is continuing to unite against the terrible evil of abortion! We thank God for the lives saved and the hearts and minds that were changed during these 40 days! I hope to see you in the fall.

Your sister in Christ.
Nikki Bruni

Dear Starkdale,

I'm so blessed to call Starkdale my church home. My thanks to all during my recent operation. To the Drs., nurses, my family, all the many cards I received, visits, food, gifts, and most of all your prayers. I'm home and hope to see you all soon.

Love Helen Unsold



Our Sympathy is extended to the following families:

Steve and Felecia Elliott and their extended family, in the death of Steve's father, Donald Elliott, on March 24, 2017.

The family of Evelyn Bodor, in her death on April 2, 2017.

The family of Betty Braun, in her death on April 2, 2017.

Philip and Vickey Makari, and their extended family, in the death of their nephew, Paul Makari, on April 6, 2017.

Our Sympathy is extended to the family of Harry Bucy, in his death on April 10, 2017.

2017

	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Quilters InC (Fh)
	6 9 am Soup Kitchen 6 pm joint Session Meeting	7	8
Study	13	14	15 9:00 am Calvin's Institutes Bible Study
Study	20	21	22
Study	27 CHIMES MAIL	28	29

Happy July 4th

July

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
2 Independence Sunday Third Sunday after Pentecost	3 6p Property Mtg 7p Worship Mtg 7:30 Boy Scouts	4 	5
9 COMMUNION 9:30am joint Sunday School with Rev. Moore - Fifth Sunday after Easter	10 6:30 Administration Mtg. 7:30 Boy Scouts	11 10 am Bible Study	12 6 pm Bible S
16 CARRIAGE HOUSE Sixth Sunday after Easter	17 7:30 Boy Scouts	18 10 am Bible Study Deadline for all Chimes articles.	19 6 pm Bible S
23 Seventh Sunday after Easter	24 6:30 Outreach Committee Meeting 7:30 Boy Scouts	25 10 am Bible Study	26 6 pm Bible S
30 Eighth Sunday after Easter	31 7:30 Boy Scouts		



Flock Talk



APRIL 8, 2017

STARKDALE'S EASTER EGG HUNTERS CAME IN ALL SIZES. PICTURED WITH THEIR GRANDFATHER, BRIAN GAMBOS, ARE OUR YOUNGEST EGG HUNTERS. VINCENT GAMBOS (left), AND NICOLAS GAMBOS (right). PROUD GRANDMOTHER IS JANE GAMBOS.

Congratulations to Bob and Ella Jane Burns on the arrival of their 12th great grandchild! Proud parents are John and Anna Thomas.



REMINGTON THOMAS
May 5, 2017
6 lbs. and 18 inches

LOCAL (Picture taken from Steubenville Herald Star)



The Steubenville Rotary Club presented its annual Service Above Self Scholarships to area high school seniors. Congratulations David Kinney, Edison High School recipient. Your church family at Starkdale is proud of you, and the unselfish giving of your time and talents!



June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Quilters InC (Fh) 
4 Worship 8:30 and 11am Graduation Recognition PENTECOST	5 <u>VBS 9:00-12:00 PM</u> 6 pm Property Mtg. 7 pm Worship Mtg. 7:30 pm Boy Scouts	6 <u>VBS 9:00-12:00 PM</u>	7 <u>VBS 9:00-12:00 PM</u>	8 <u>VBS 9:00-12:00 PM</u> 9am Soup Kitchen 6pm Session Mtg.	9 <u>VBS 9:00-12:00 PM</u>	10
11 Worship 8:30 and 11a.m. 1:15 pm Carriage House COMMUNION TRINITY SUNDAY	12 7:30 pm Boy Scouts	13	14	15	16	17 9:00 am Calvin's Institutes Bible Study Baby Shower (Fh) 2-5 pm
18 Worship 8:30 and 11am FATHER'S DAY Second Sunday after Pentecost	19 Joshua Breakfast 7:30 pm Boy Scouts Third General Sacramento ,	20 Assembly EPC California	21- FIRST DAY OF SUMMER	22 Joshua Dinner (Fh)	23	24 Bridal Shower (Fh) 2-6 pm
25 Worship 8:30 and 11am Third Sunday after Pentecost	26 6:30 pm Outreach Mtg. 7:30 pm Boy Scouts	27	28	29	30	 Summer